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MAN INDICTED FOR HAULING 65 ILLEGAL ALIENS IN TRACTOR TRAILER

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on February 17, 2004, Jose Guadalupe Chairez-Jauregui, DOB 05/12/68, was indicted by a federal grand jury at Phoenix, Arizona for Transporting Illegal Aliens. On January 20, 2004, Chairez was driving a Freightliner tractor trailer when he stopped at a Border Patrol checkpoint on Highway 95 north of Yuma, Arizona at approximately 2:45 a.m.. At the checkpoint, a canine conducting a routine sniff around the trailer alerted on the back of the trailer. When asked what he had inside, Chairez, who is a resident alien and citizen of Mexico, said he was carrying pallets. He then consented to a search of the trailer. Border Patrol agents removed some of the pallets that were stacked in the back of the trailer and discovered a large number of people hiding in the trailer behind the pallets. In all, 65 illegal aliens were found in the back of the trailer, including 20 females and 11 juveniles. Several complained that they were hot and had been in the trailer for several hours.

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The investigation is being handled by the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection. The prosecution is being handled by Mary Beth Phillips, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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